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CABLE SERVICES BUREAU ACTION

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Effective Date Announced for Part 76 Cable Television Rules Pertaining to the Public File, Notice, and Recordkeeping Requirements

CS DOCKET NO. 98-132

On October 22, 2001, the Commission adopted 1998 Biennial Regulatory Review -- Streamlining of Cable Television Services Part 76 Public File and Notice Requirements, Second Report and Order, CS Docket 98-132 (FCC 01-314 (2001)). In the Second Report and Order, the Commission adopted Section 76.1700(a) as a final rule, as well as, clarified and made minor corrections to various Part 76 rules pertaining to the public file, notice, recordkeeping, and reporting requirements applicable to cable operators. Section 76.1700(a) relieves cable systems serving 1000 or more, but fewer than 5000 subscribers, from certain recordkeeping requirements associated with maintaining the public file, requiring public file information to be provided only upon request.

A summary of the *Second Report and Order* addressing the adoption of Section 76.1700(a) as a final rule and outlining clarifications to certain part 76 rules was published in the Federal Register at 66 FR 67115 (December 28, 2001). The Federal Register publication noted that these provisions would become effective January 28, 2002. In addition, a summary of minor corrections to various part 76 rules was published in the Federal Register at 67 FR 1649 (January 14, 2002). Accordingly, this notice satisfies the statement in the *Second Report and Order* that the Commission would publish a document announcing the effective date of regulations in this proceeding.

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